Course Overview

Successful business analysts, managers, and executives are increasingly required to make data-driven decisions to run their businesses, rather than rely on experience and intuition alone. This course teaches you the latest data analytic methods and decision methods now used by leading-edge business practitioners, going deep to understand their technical inner workings and going broad to realize their practical business applications.

- Business decision modeling, exploratory data analysis, cluster modeling, predictive modeling
- Data analytic methods: machine learning and other approaches
- Introduction to R and Jupyter software for data analysis
- Real-world/real-data business practicum across a variety of industries

Delivery Mode  Remote synchronous via Zoom

Prerequisites

UGBA 104 Intro Business Analytics -or- DATA C100 Princ &Tech Data Science

Instructor Biography

Dr. Richard Huntsinger is a professor, Silicon Valley entrepreneur, and Fortune 500 operations executive with broad international experience leading data analytics, enterprise software development, system integration, and operational excellence programs at organizations like Hewlett-Packard, AT&T, Symantec, Hitachi, Exelon, Curtiss-Wright, and US Department of Energy. Recent projects include data analysis and process automation in nuclear power plant operations, electricity demand forecasting in smart electric grid networks, and enterprise data warehouse optimization in high-tech and telecom operations.

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Data Analysis/Business Decision Methodology
- business decision lifecycle, risk profiles, model performance-to-business value analysis

Data Exploration & Preparation Methods
- data selection, 2-D & 3-D data visualization, cross-tabulation, kernel density estimation, imputation, principal component analysis

Descriptive Data Analytic Methods
- hierarchical agglomeration, k-means, Gaussian mixture model by expectation-maximization

Predictive Data Analytic Methods
- naive Bayes, support vector machine, neural network, logistic regression, decision tree, random forest, nearest neighbor, linear regression, ensembles, multinomial classification

Model Evaluation & Tuning
- dissimilarity analysis, confusion matrix analysis, cross-validation, sensitivity analysis, feature tuning, hyper-parameter tuning

Data Analytic Methods for Special Data Types
- time series data, text data, social network data

Data Analysis Software Tools
- Jupyter, R, ggplot2, rgl

Labs & Project
- stock market, banking, energy, real estate, aviation, hospitality, retail, call center, health care, market segmentation, politics, transportation, telecom, workplace diversity, others